

April 9, 2010

The Glastonbury Town Council
2155 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up-to-date on various topics.

1. Expense Report:

A copy of my expense report for the 3 month period January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010 is forwarded separately. I will appreciate Council formally recognizing receipt of this report.

2. Dog Park:

The Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs, held on Saturday, March 27th, brought over \$3,600 in revenue for the Dog Park fund. Congratulations to all involved for a very successful event. Fund raising to date totals approximately \$36,000 towards the goal of \$45,000. All approvals are in place to allow construction to begin as soon as funding and other resources allow.

3. Police Reaccreditation:

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies recently awarded Glastonbury its 7th national accreditation. This process requires successful adherence to hundreds of rigorous standards as measured by an independent review by independent assessors. This ongoing national accreditation confirms the standard of excellence observed by the Glastonbury Police Department. Congratulations to all for this well deserved recognition.

4. Note Sale:

A recent Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) sale attracted 4 bidders with a low net interest cost of 0.548%. A very attractive rate for this BAN.

5. Slocomb Dam:

Recent analysis of the dam along Roaring Brook on the town-owned former Slocomb Mill property indicates a variety of options for long term management of this structure and Roaring Brook. I have discussed with Council leadership and will ask the Conservation Commission to develop a report and recommendation concerning possible options for this project. State DEP will also be consulted. When this information is available, the matter will be forwarded for Council review.

6. Town Center:

BFJ Planning of New York is selected to work with the Town on the planning project for the Glastonbury downtown-town center project. BFJ Planning was selected from 20 responses to the Town's Request for Qualifications process. Work is underway and will include public workshops in June, September and October. The first public workshop is scheduled for the evening of Thursday,

June 3rd at the Riverfront Community Center. The attached pages show the general study area (a) and the economic analysis area (b). This was reviewed with the Steering Committee. Should Council members have any questions, please let me know so that the process can be addressed accordingly.

7. Electronics Recycling:

CRRA has established its schedule of electronics recycling programs for 2010. The following summarizes the programs most proximate to Glastonbury.

West Hartford, 17 Brixton Street - Saturday, April 24
CRRA Trash Museum, 211 Murphy Road, Hartford - Saturday, May 15
Manchester, 321 Olcott Street - Saturday, June 5
Glastonbury, 2380 New London Turnpike - Saturday, September 18

Each program runs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A link to the CRRA website is included to the Town's web site. There is no charge for CRRA member towns.

8. Street Sweeping:

New procedures limit the need for annual street sweeping operations. However, the program started the week of April 5th and is scheduled to conclude the week of May 17th, weather permitting. The various routes and schedule is posted to the Town web site.

9. GHS Art Project:

The attached pages summarize a Center Green-Sculpture project planned by the GHS Art program. Please let me know if you have any comments or concerns in this regard. This will be coordinated with the 2010 ArtWalk project.

10. Minnechaug Golf Course:

The lease between the Town and Minnechaug Golf requires the lessee to obtain the lessor (Town) approval of any changes to greens fees or cart rental fees. This is handled administratively through written consent of the Town Manager. I typically advise Council of any changes. Greens fees have not changed since 2008. For the coming year adult greens fees are proposed to increase by \$1.00 for both residents and non-residents for 9 and 18 hole rounds. All other fees including those for seniors, juniors and carts remain unchanged. This is a reasonable proposal by Minnechaug Golf. A copy of proposed greens fees is attached. In addition to the annual lease rate of \$40,000, the Town receives 10% of revenues in excess of \$275,000.

I will be happy to review the preceding and any other items Tuesday evening.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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